

Meeting Minutes
Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission Meeting
October 1st, 2019 @ 10 am



Welcome

- Jackie Griffith introduced new member, Sarah Granda
- Sarah gave a brief overview of her background

March Sub-Committee Update

- Gave the updates about permits
 - o The Permit from the State for use of Legislative Hall and the Mall has been approved
 - o The City of Dover Permit will be considered after the first of the year – this is the soonest the city will consider the permit
 - The application for the city is being worked on
- The march will be open to the public as well as invited sent out
- There were some concerns about the march route – Needs to end at Legislative Hall for the monument as well as pass by the Historic Green
 - o Prior to the next commission meeting, the March sub-committee needs to meet and finalize a route.
 - o Should reach out to someone from the city to come to the next meeting to discuss routes used previously
- Women in suffrage costume in the march
 - o Give people the option to dress in the suffrage garb if they would like
- What needs to be done concerning the march:
 - o How many people will be in attendance?
 - o How many marching bands will we need?
 - o How many women will we be asking to ride in antique cars during the march?

Monument Sub-Committee Update

- Dick Carter has been working on designing a different monument than the ones we already have in front of Legislative Hall
 - o Hoping to have shape and size determined by December
 - o Wants to have the design completed by March
 - o Monument completed and shipped to Dover in August
- Laser and Etching
 - o Looking to have a tall figure on the front with words
 - o A montage of illustrations or photos from the Women's Suffrage Movement
- Dick is looking into a smaller statue/monument in front of the Old State House since this is where all of the action took place during the movement.

Promotional Videos

- We will be conducting interviews with Daniel Citron throughout Dover (Del State Campus, Del States Studio, and historical buildings throughout Dover)
- We are looking for people with historical background to discuss the movement
- Ideas for interviews
 - o Dr. Reba Hollingsworth
 - o Dr. Lanette Edwards
 - o Dick Carter
 - o Connor Graham
 - o A DSU Student in Lanette's Sorority
 - o Delaware Legislators reading letters sent to Governor Townsend
 - Both for and against the Suffrage Movement
 - o Nena Todd

State of Delaware Historical Markers

- 3-4 Markers
 - o One in each county
 - Old State House
 - Sussex Hotel
 - New Castle Court House
 - Hotel DuPont
 - o One in the city of Wilmington
- Place them in spots people can still visit
- Places where historical events during the movement took place
- Sarah will talk with Marsha Carson about Marker placement to ensure no overlap with Pomeroy Foundation markers (not confirmed but applications being submitted to Pomeroy Foundation)
- The commission voted yes to the State Markers

Website Update

- Sarah discussed the updates made to the website as well as the ideas that she is working on with GIC
- Attached are photo updates of the site
- Attached are Sarah's ideas/vision for the site
- Adding a subscription button to be alerted when new events/information is added to the site

Previous Commission Meeting Ideas

- War of the Roses
 - o The play is between 40 minutes to an hour – play is interactive with audience
 - o Performing preferably at the Old State House
 - o Considering September 25th as the date
 - A nice kick off to start the weekend celebrations
 - Early evening time to allow parents to bring young children and for middle school/high school students to attend in case there are any sporting events that may be going on at local High Schools that evening
- Delaware Day
 - o Will include the Women's Suffrage Movement for the kids to learn about that portion of history
- Involving the Christiana School District
 - o They have a women's orchestra they would like to get involved in the events
 - Possibly during the reception – after the monument is shown
- National Park Services coming to Delaware
 - o Will definitely want to see the Old State House
- Occoquan Prison/Workhouse Art Center
 - o They will be doing an unveiling of a monument/dedication to the Women's Suffrage Movement